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DEAR FDA,

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I wish to express my **strong opposition** to the FDA's new proposed rule and guidance' on **genetically engineered** foods.

I consider the **voluntary** nature of the labeling and notification proposals to be **totally inadequate**, particularly in terms of giving-me an **INFORMED choice** about what foods I am eating and what ingredients have been included.

As an individual with numerous **food allergies and intolerances**, I must carefully monitor my diet. When food items are not clearly and truthfully labeled, my health and well-being are put at significant risk, even life-threatening danger.

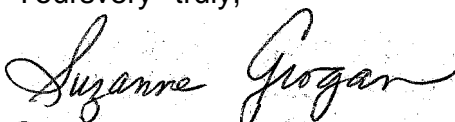
I also believe that UNTIL a wealth of data about the long-term safety of these foods has been accumulated by the scientific community, all GE foods should be strictly and consistently labeled in accordance with a strong law requiring such action.

Human health **MUST** be protected until we know for sure about these GE foods, and therefore I believe that a moratorium should be imposed on GE foods until there is long-term, incontrovertible **PROOF** that they are safe for human health and for the environment.

I strongly urge you to make the appropriate modifications to the proposed rules and guidance proposals. I consider it a major abuse of power when I am denied the information and right to make choices about what will directly impact on my life and health. The food I choose to eat is such a critical, personal issue.

I hope you will respect the trust and authority placed in your agency to make policies that will protect and honor the rights of those you are commissioned to serve and to represent.

Yoursvery truly,



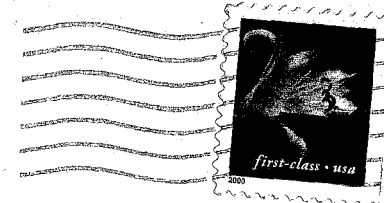
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